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1. After Widlmayer (fnu), the deputy head of the Soviet "Central" at Karlshorst, returned from Moscow on 27 May 1952, discussions and considerations took place.

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- 2. Widlmayer said that Moscow was still opposed to a remilitarization of the People's Republic until the proper time. Accordingly, the defensive and offensive alliance already prepared will not be proclaimed until the last moment. The rapid development of remilitarization which the Socialist Unity Party (SED) would put into operation is not at all in accordance with Moscow's wishes.
- 3. In Moscow's opinion, Walter Ulbricht is not the right person to be the advance agent and responsible authority for the reestablishment of military service and the creation of an army in East Germany. Ulbricht, accordingly, will receive some other post abroad, at Moscow's suggestion. His place will be taken by the Prime Minister, Otto Grotewohl.
- 4. All information relating to West German rearmament is filtered through the West Bureau of the SED at the present time. The purpose of this is to strengthen the urgency for an East German national army.

the SED is extraordinarily interested in the setting up of an East German Army. It promises them final elimination of the last danger in the event of a reunion of Germany apart from the Soviet Union. They also hope thereby to neutralize the weakening of the SED resulting from the "Mossow peace policity".

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Comment: The Soviet Government has Otto Nuschke and Professor Hermann Kastner in reserve for the continuation of its peace policy. By direct command of Karlshorst, Kastner occupies an office in the building of Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl, where he functions at the present time as president of the 50X1-HUM "German Intelligence Promotion Committee". Kastner's sharp rivalry with the deputy fo the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Dr. Karl Haman, and with Finance Minister Hans Loch is disapproved of by the Soviet Government, chiefly for the reason that Haman is the Soviet confidential agent in the LDP.

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